

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claim 12 in accordance with the following:

7. (Previously Presented) A communication system utilizing a network, comprising:
  - a first computer, connected to the network, including an access unit used to determine predetermined quality of service features for interaction with the network; and
  - a second computer, connected to the network, to administer the quality of service features of the access unit.
8. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 7, wherein the network is the Internet.
9. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the access unit is an autonomous device.
10. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the access unit is a plug-in device for the first computer.
11. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the access unit is a processor of the first computer programmed to determine predetermined quality of service features for interaction with the network.
12. (Currently Amended) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said second computer is assigned to a service provider,~~in particular an Internet service provider.~~
13. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said second computer is assigned to an Internet service provider.

14. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the quality of service features are called up dynamically in the access unit.

15. (Previously Presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 7, wherein conversion from a first protocol to a second protocol is effected in the access unit.